to the god of wind), " Discover thou, 0 god of wind, what
adorable appearance this is/' His reply was ' I shall/ He
proceeded fast to that adorable appearance, which asked him
" Who art thou?" He then answered, "I am wind and
I pervade unlimited space ; " *that is tc I am a well-known
personage."* The Supreme Being upon being thus replied to
asked him again, " What power is in so celebrated a person
as thou art?" He replied, "I can uphold all that exists
in the world." The Supreme Being then having laid a
straw before him, said to him, "Canst thou uphold this straw ?''
The god of wind approached the straw, but could not hold it
up, though he exerted all his power. He then unsuccessfully
retired and told the others, " I have been unable to discover
what adorable appearance this is." Now they said to the
god of atmosphere (Indra) " Discover thou, 0 revered god
of atmosphere, what adorable appearance this is." His
reply was " I shall." He proceeded fast to that adorable
appearance, which vanished from his view. He met at the
same spot a woman, *the goddess of instruction,* arrayed in
golden robes in the shape of the most beautiful Uma. He

asked, <c What was that adorable appearance ? " She replied, et It was the Supreme Being owing to whose victory you are all advanced to exaltation." The god of atmosphere, from her instruction, knew that it was the Supreme Being *that had appeared to them. He at first communicated that information to the gods of fire and of wind.* As the gods of fire, wind, and atmosphere had approached to the adorable appearance and had perceived it, as also they had known, prior *to the others,* that it was indeed God *that appeared to them* they seemed to be superior to the other gods. As the god of atmosphere had approached to the adorable appearance, and perceived it, and also as he knew, prior to *every one of them,* that it was God *that appeared to them,* he seemed not only superior to every other god, but *olso for t'zzt reason* exalted above the gods of fire and wind.